

How would the people of Pennsylvania like to vote for Matthew Quay for governor?

The situation has become so strained that Mr. Sylvester Seavey may at any moment be compelled to declare war.

CONSEL, General Lee is steadily making a reputation as a man of energy and discretion, and a patriot who understands his full duty.

The loss by the Maine calamity is over \$4,500,000. A modern leviathan when it goes down carries with it a good deal of treasure.

KANSAS reports the prospects good for an immense wheat crop, which saddens the Populist here with an anticipated loss of several Congressmen.

The Senate vote on the bill to add two regiments of artillery to the army was nearly unanimous. It is a wise measure for the permanent security of the country.

IN EACH of the three recent wars, Chilean, Brazilian and Chinese, a large ship was sunk by a torpedo. The plans of the deep have good reason for fearfulness.

A MADRID paper fears that the American divers investigating the Maine wreck may be bribed. The regular bribery bureau at Havana has rather weakened Spanish faith in human nature.

THE PROF of Spanish treachery in the destruction of the Maine would leave Spain without a friend among nations owning a navy. Blowing up a peaceful ship is as brave as a stealthy stab in the back.

ALL the Populists, Silver Republicans and Democrats are expected to celebrate the birthday of Jefferson, April 13, though if that statesman were alive he could not identify himself with anything in their platforms with the aid of the Yerkes telescope.

WE HAVE not yet heard of President Kootz, of the Taxpayers' Union, appointing an Executive Committee of nine members, who shall assume control and conduct the ensuing campaign, as per resolution adopted at the recent Bourse meeting at Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY said in his address at Philadelphia on Thursday: "From the day our flag was unfurled to the present hour no stain of a just obligation remains yet to be washed from the American flag."

ONLY one member of the House Committee on Military Affairs voted against reporting the two regiments of artillery bill favorably. That committee has sixteen members.

THE Government has more gold to spare now than it has greenbacks. This is a marked change from the conditions just before the election of 1896.

AT that time it had only \$70,000,000 of bonds to buy gold. These days it has more gold than it needs, and the amount on hand keeps on growing. As an evidence of financial confidence the treasury gold barometer is decisive.

THE Taxpayers' Unionists, who organized at Philadelphia some weeks since, elected officers for the ensuing year, authorized their Chairman to appoint an Executive Committee of nine members to "conduct the ensuing campaign" in the interests of John W. Wanner for Governor.

ALL the wounded are unaimed for life, the two girls may lose their arms. All of the mail matter was destroyed. There is no clue.

Give the Children a Drink called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food to take the place of coffee.

Some Are Exempt. Some of the men are figuring on their chances of having to fight in case of war with Spain.

One of the close friends of the President makes a statement concerning the views of the executive on the Cuban situation. The drift of it is that the President occupies a conservative position.

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TORPEDO'S WORK

Case of the Wreck of the Maine, Virtually Known.

MISSILE FROM THE OUTSIDE. The Court of Inquiry has determined to return to Havana for further information, it being satisfied as to the cause of the Maine's explosion.

Did Hastings Help Sell the Bill for the Bourse Meeting. Governor Hastings is said to have cast his vote with the Mendel Leavellers, who have put John Wanner forward as their choice for the gubernatorial nomination.

It appears that the meeting at the Bourse, Philadelphia, February 23, at which Wanner was selected as the choice of the anti-Quayites, cost nearly \$2,000, and the indemnity to be demanded from Spain; the fact that the battleship Maine was blown up by a torpedo from the outside being now generally accepted in Washington circles.

THE preparations that we are making for a repetition are going on hurriedly. The cruisers Minnesota and Columbia are at League Island, Philadelphia, are fast being made ready, and the Monitor Terror left Hampton Roads for New York Saturday.

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Read What Very Scarce.

By reason of the high premium that has been paid for choice hard northwestern wheat, the market is practically all wintered for farmers all over Minnesota and North Dakota have sold themselves so bare of grain that they are short of wheat for seed next spring.

THE profit was a premium over May for this sort of wheat, ranging from three to five cents a bushel, while it should be worth about three cents more than cash, owing to the cost of carrying the grain till then.

IN the past few years the quality of wheat grown in the northwest has deteriorated. Ten years ago No. 1 hard was the contract grade in terminal markets, and for seedling wheat it was No. 1.

THE contract grade was reduced from No. 1 to No. 1 northern. The crop of the last year has been alarmingly short of even No. 1 northern, at 15 per cent of the wheat received at Minneapolis for months having come up to grade.

THE cause of this is supposed to be due more to the continued use of the same seed than to impoverishment of the soil, and a general effort is being made in both states to import seed. Some fine wheat from further north, Manitoba and the valleys of the Saskatchewan.

THE wheat of the north is better than the wheat of the south, and it is hoped so to improve the strain of wheat in the states that for years No. 1 hard will again be common. It takes less of hard wheat to make a barrel of flour than any other grade.

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We also certify and find that the sum of \$50,000 received by the County Commissioners from the State of Pennsylvania, for the use of the County of Somerset, was not turned into the County Treasury. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Witness our hands and seals, this 4th day of February, A. D. 1898. (SEAL) J. B. HOLDERBAUM, (SEAL) J. H. SCHNEIDER, (SEAL) J. H. SCHNEIDER, (SEAL)

ATTEST, HILEMAN, Clerk.

OUTSTANDING TAXES. Outstanding County, State and Dog Taxes on the 31st day of January, 1898, due and owing by the Collectors of State, County and Township in said County as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists various taxpayers and their outstanding taxes.

Total \$1,231,478 10/100

This amount includes the Collector's commissions, extensions, rebates, etc., which will reduce the County Treasury to the amount of \$1,231,478 10/100.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, hereby certify that the above statement of the Outstanding Taxes due said County, is correct, according to the records in the County Treasury Office.

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